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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 09/839,574; Filed: April 23, 2001

Compositions and Methods for in vivo Delivery of

Polynucleotide-Based Therapeutics

Inventors: Manthorpe et al.

1530.0180002/EKS/EJH Our Ref:

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted," dated June 18, 2001, Applicant(s) submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17; 1.
- Authorization To Treat A Reply As Incorporating An Extension Of Time 2. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (in duplicate);
- Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts; 3.
- Original Declaration, executed by the inventors; 4.
- An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee; 5.

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- Assignee 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement with copy of Assignment attached 6. (not for recordation);
- Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 7. 2C-2D, 3, 4A-4C, 5A-5C, 6A-6F, 7A-7B, 8, 9A-9B, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A-16B, 16C, 16D, 17A-17B, 18, 19A, 19B, 20A, 20B, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26);
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- Our Check No. 31963 for \$1,827.00 to cover: 9. \$355.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16) \$1,407.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1447.
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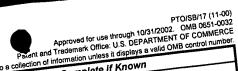


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Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are twenty-nine (32) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 2C-2D, 3, 4A-4C, 5A-5C, 6A-6F, 7A-7B, 8, 9A-9B, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16A-16B, 16C, 16D, 17A-17B, 18, 19A, 19B, 20A, 20B, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

In Reply to the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1) for a petition and/or fee for Acceptance of Black and White Photographs, Applicants request that the requirement be withdrawn. 1213 OG 108.

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